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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the general facilities such as passenger hall, drinking water, public conveniences etc. are provided at Kochi, Beypore and Mangalore port;

(b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to install X-ray machine for screening of luggage at the Port and introduce trolleys like that of Airport for handling of luggage;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government proposes to consider a proposal to introduce Arrow bridge to connect the port and passenger ships; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BALLU)

(a) & (b): The Major Ports in India are under the administrative control of the Department of Shipping. The private ports like Beypore are under the administrative control of the State Maritime Boards. As such, information relating to Beypore Port is not available with this Department immediately.

For the cruise vessels calling at New Mangalore Port, modern cruise lounge is under construction where, all the facilities for the convenience of cruise passengers are being set up.

At Cochin Port the general facilities such as drinking water and public conveniences are provided for the passengers from and bound for Lakshadweep Islands. There is no specialized passenger berth or passenger hall for embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

(c) & (d): The X-ray facility will be provided at the cruise lounge at New Mangalore Port for screening of luggage.

There is a proposal from Lakshadweep Administration to build specialized passenger berth at Cochin Port for the Lakshadweep passengers for which the Port has confirmed the required space alongwith waterfront. Lakshadweep Administration proposes to install X-ray machines for screening of luggage for domestic passengers in this specialized berth, which is expected to have all modern facilities.

(e) & (f): No such proposal is under consideration at the New Mangalore Port.